

IN THE ABSTRACT:

Please replace the section heading beginning at page 30, line 1 with the following section heading:

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

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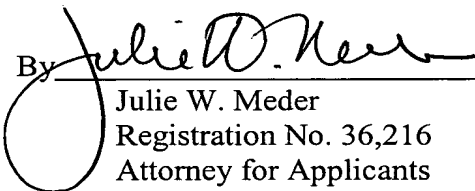
The specification has been amended to place the application in conformance with standard United States patent practice.

Examination and allowance of pending claims 1-30 are respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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In the specification:

Section heading beginning at page 1, line 5 has been amended as follows:

[Technical Field] 1. Field of the Invention

Section heading beginning at page 1, line 11 has been amended as follows:

[Background Art] 2. Description of the Prior Art

Section heading beginning at page 3, line 12 has been amended as follows:

[Disclosure of the Invention] SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

Section heading beginning at page 5, line 10 has been amended as follows:

[Brief Description of the Drawings] BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

Section heading beginning at page 6, line 7 has been amended as follows:

[Best Mode for Carrying Out the Invention] DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE INVENTION

Paragraph beginning at page 9, line 14 has been amended as follows:

In the present invention, an "expression vector" refers to a vector or a plasmid in which a structural gene encoding a desired protein is inserted in the restriction site of the above-described expression cassette. Any gene can be inserted, as long as it can be expressed in a host to which the gene is introduced. Examples thereof include genes of phosphorylase (trehalose phosphorylase, maltose phosphorylase, kojibiose phosphorylase, cellobiose phosphorylase, laminaribiose phosphorylase, etc.). In particular, examples of genes derived from the genus *Bacillus* include trehalose phosphorylase (hereinafter abbreviated as TPase) derived from *Bacillus stearothermophilus* SK-1 strain (deposited with the International Patent Organism Depository, National Institute of Bioscience and Human-Technology, Agency of the Industrial Science and Technology, Ministry of International Trade and Industry

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FOOTNOTES

Japan, 1-1-3, Tsukuba Higashi, Ibaraki, JAPAN (original Deposit date: September 29, 1994), FERM BP-5594) and maltose phosphorylase (hereinafter abbreviated as MPase) derived from Bacillus species RK-1 strain (deposited with the International Patent Organism Depository, National Institute of Bioscience and Human-Technology, Agency of the Industrial Science and Technology, Ministry of the International Trade and Industry Japan, 1-1-3, Tsukuba Higashi, Ibaraki, JAPAN (original Deposit date: July 12, 1995), FERM BP-5592). Examples of genes of microorganisms of other genus than the genus Bacillus include mannose isomerase (hereinafter abbreviated as MIase) derived from Agrobacterium radiobactor M36 (deposited with the International Patent Organism Depository, National Institute of the Bioscience and Human-Technology, Agency of Industrial Science and Technology, Ministry of International Trade and Industry Japan, 1-1-3, Tsukuba Higashi, Ibaraki, JAPAN (original Deposit date: April 23, 1999), FERM P-17377. The Agrobacterium radiobactor M36 FERM P-17377 was transferred to the Depository under Budapest Treaty, the International Patent Organism Depository, National Institute of Bioscience and Human-Technology, Agency of the Industrial Science and Technology, Ministry of the International Trade and Industry Japan, 1-3, Higashi 1-chome, Tsukuba-shi, Ibaraki-ken, JAPAN, and assigned International Deposit No. FERM BP-7206 on July 5, 2000 (original Deposit date: April 23, 1999).

In the claims:

Claim 3 has been amended as follows:

3. (Amended) The promoter according to claim 1 [or 2], wherein the restriction site is a restriction site for BamHI.

Claim 5 has been amended as follows:

5. (Amended) The promoter according to claim 1 [or 2], wherein

the restriction site includes restriction sites for BamHI and at least one restriction site other than the restriction site for BamHI, and

the restriction site other than the restriction site for BamHI is present downstream of the BamHI cleavage site.

Claim 9 has been amended as follows:

9. (Amended) An expression cassette having the promoter according to [any one of claims 1 to 8] claim 1.

Claim 15 has been amended as follows:

15. (Amended) A recombinant microorganism having the expression vector according to [any one of claims 10 to 14] claim 10.

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